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SUBJECT: JENKINS ON MTN

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1. COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS RECEIVED ME IN LUXEMBOURG JULY 4, AN APPROPRIATE DAY WE AGREED FOR A TALK ABOUT INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE MTN. MAINLY I TALKED FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL AND HE LISTENED, ALTHOUGH HE QUESTIONED ME ABOUT THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SOME POINTS, PARTICULARLY RULES OF ORIGIN AND LESS OBVIOUS STRAUSS ITEMS, E.G., VARIETY MEATS.

2. HE AGREED THAT A SOLID MTN PACKAGE WOULD PERMIT BONN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE TO CONTAIN DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY AND ACHIEVEMENT WHICH WOULD SHARPLY DISTINGUISH IT FROM DOWNING STREET. HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE DONE PROVIDED WE WERE READY TO LEAVE SOME ISSUES FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FALL. I ALLOWED AS HOW WE HAD NO REAL CHOICE ON SUCH THINGS AS SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL REQUESTS BUT SUGGESTED THAT SUMMITTEERS SHOULD MAKE CLEAR WHAT ADDITIONAL WORK THEY EXPECTED OF NEGOTIATORS AND THAT ENTIRE PACKAGE HAD TO BE FINISHED THIS YEAR. JENKINS SAID HE HOPED WE WERE NOT CONTEMPLATING NEGOTIATIONS AT BONN, SAYING HE CONSIDERED MTN ISSUES TOO DETAILED TO BE DEALT WITH

AT THAT LEVEL. I AGREED, WHILE STRESSING THAT WORK ON COMMUNIQUE MIGHT STILL BE NECESSARY. JENKINS SAID HE ANTICIPATED SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF MTN AROUND THE EDGES AT BREMEN EC SUMMIT. HE VIEWED MTN AS IMPORTANT PART OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH EC WOULD ENDEAVOR DEVELOP ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMON STRATEGY. HE WOULD BEAR US POINTS IN MIND AND WAS GRATEFUL FOR OUR INFORMATIVE APPROACH.

3. I LEFT JENKINS COPY OF MY TALKING POINTS. ALL IN ALL, I WOULD SAY VISIT DID NOT HURT AND MAY HAVE HELPED THE CAUSE. HINTON

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